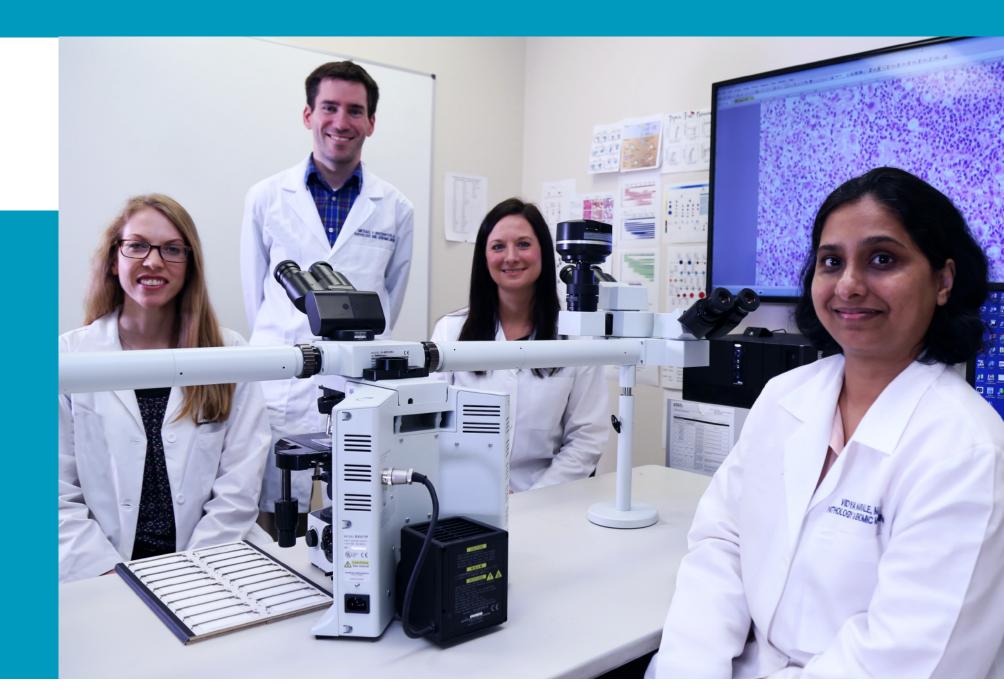
WHY PATHOLOGY?





You might be wondering if pathology is the medical specialty for you. If so, you could be on your way to empowering and improving patient care as a future pathologist.

Why choose pathology?

Ask any member of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) why they entered the field, and you'll likely hear reasons like these:

It's challenging and rewarding.

Every day, pathologists draw on their extensive medical knowledge to identify and diagnose disease processes that help determine the management and care for patients.

There's a great work-life balance—No other specialty offers such a flexible schedule with possibilities for a well-blended lifestyle.

Cutting-edge tools and Al—Pathology is leading the evolution of modern medicine through genomics, digital pathology, and Al/machine learning.

You work with a multidisciplinary team.

You contribute to advancements in science and medicine.

As part of the diagnostic team, you'll work with other pathologists, physicians, and in many cases, directly with patients.

You find a diverse field of opportunities in academic research, private practice, biotech industries, teaching, and more.



Fast facts on pathologists

This dynamic and growing specialty has much to offer



\$334k

Average annual pathologist salary (2022 Medscape Physician Compensation Report)



56%

Practices looking to hire pathologists (2021 CAP Practice Leader Survey)



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Subspecialties in pathology



49.2

Average hourly workweek
(2019 Medscape Physician Compensation Report)



Workplace Happiness

Pathology is consistently among the top specialties for workplace happiness and among the lowest for burnout.

(2018 AMA Survey)

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